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The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Agenda item 129: Programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (*continued*)

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/C.5/65/L.27)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.27: Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

1. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.27 was adopted.*

Capital master plan (A/C.5/65/L.28)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.28: Capital master plan

2. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.28 was adopted.*

Agenda item 135: Joint Inspection Unit (*continued*) (A/C.5/65/L.29)

Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.29: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2010 and programme of work for 2011

3. *Draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.29 was adopted.*

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4. **Mr. Sugiura** (Japan) said that his delegation attached great importance to section IV of the resolution on special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/C.5/65/L.27), concerning standards of accommodation for air travel, and would follow up on its implementation with a view to achieving a more effective and efficient utilization of resources. It also strongly believed that the Committee should make every effort to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its own working methods. Having successfully completed its work at the first part of the resumed session in three weeks, for the second year running, the Committee should continue to apply best practice in that area in the future. It could also enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of its discussions through better allocation of time for coordination meetings.

5. His country was deeply grateful for the condolences and assistance received from some 130 countries, 30 international organizations, and people all around the world after the recent earthquake and tsunami. Such cooperation would undoubtedly help the Japanese people to recover from the unprecedented crisis they now faced.

6. **The Chair** expressed the Committee's best wishes to Mr. Abelian, Secretary of the Committee, who had been appointed Director of the Security Council Affairs Division, and thanked him for his outstanding work over the past eight years.

7. **Mr. Abelian** (Secretary of the Committee) paid tribute to the work of the members of the Fifth Committee and thanked the current Chair and Bureau, as well as their predecessors, for their constant support and understanding.

8. **Ms. Kane** (Under-Secretary-General for Management) announced that the new Secretary of the Committee would be Ms. Van Buerle, Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division.

9. After an exchange of courtesies, and expressions of farewell to the outgoing Secretary of the Committee, in which **Ms. Melon** (Argentina), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, **Ms. Reich** (Hungary), speaking on behalf of the European Union, **Ms. Pakarati** (Chile), speaking on behalf of the Rio Group, **Mr. Coffi** (Côte d'Ivoire), speaking on behalf of the Group of African States, **Ms. White** (Australia), speaking also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand, **Mr. Sugiura** (Japan), **Mr. Fermín** (Dominican Republic), **Mr. Kägi** (Switzerland), **Ms. Berlanga** (Mexico), **Mr. Hunte** (Antigua and Barbuda), speaking on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), **Mr. Lieberman** (United States of America), **Mr. Prokhorov** (Russian Federation), **Mr. El-Shinawy** (Egypt) and **Mr. Orina** (Kenya) took part, **the Chair** declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work at the first part of the resumed sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.